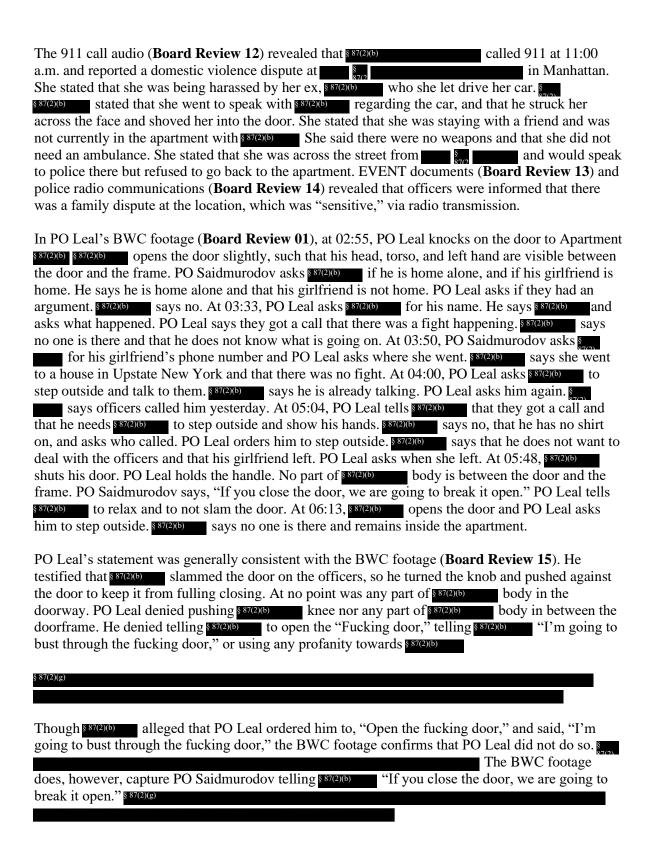
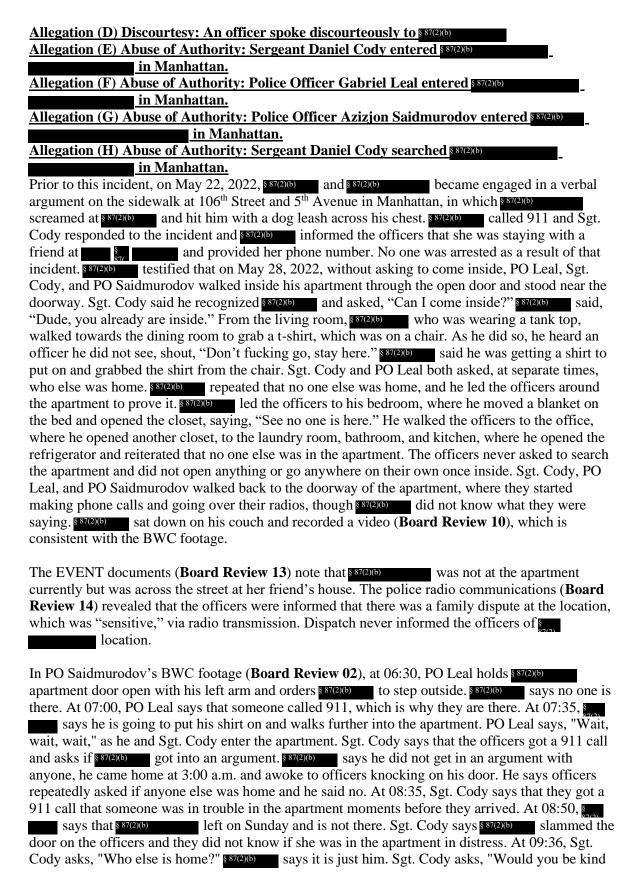
## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:	7	Геат:	CCRB Case #:		Force	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Discourt.		U.S.
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Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:			18 Mo. SOL		OL	I	Precinct:
Saturday, 05/28/2022 11:30 AM		§ 87(2)(b)			11/28/2023			23	
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At: How CV Reported		:	Date/Time Received at CCRB				
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Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command						
1. PO Gabriel Leal	25034	969891	023 PCT						
2. PO Azizjon Saidmurodov	06692	970832	023 PCT						
3. SGT Daniel Cody	02277	954648	023 PCT						
4. An officer									
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C.PO Azizjon Saidmurodov		Abuse: Police Officer Azizjon Saidmurodov threatened to damage § 87(2)(b) property.							
D. An officer	Discourtes	Discourtesy: An officer spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b)							
E.SGT Daniel Cody	Abuse: Set § 87(2)(b)	Abuse: Sergeant Daniel Cody entered in Manhattan.							
F.PO Gabriel Leal	Abuse: Po	Abuse: Police Officer Gabriel Leal entered in Manhattan.							
G.PO Azizjon Saidmurodov	Abuse: Po	Abuse: Police Officer Azizjon Saidmurodov entered in Manhattan.							
H.SGT Daniel Cody	Abuse: Ser § 87(2)(b)	geant Daniel Cody se	earched in Manhattan						
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§ 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b)									

## **Case Summary**

On May 30, 2022, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint via the CCRB's call processing system. On May 28, 2022, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Police Officer Gabriel Leal and Police Officer Azizjon Saidmurodov, both of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, responded to a 911 call of a domestic dispute at in Manhattan, where \$87(2)(b) resides. \$87(2)(b) spoke to officers at his apartment door for a few minutes and then closed the door, at which point PO Leal allegedly said, "Open the fucking door," and, "I'm going to bust through the fucking door," and PO Saidmurodov said, "If you close the door, we are going to break it open" (Allegation A: Discourtesy, § 87(2)(g) (Allegation B: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g) (Allegation C: opened the door and walked Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g) further into his apartment to grab a shirt, when an officer allegedly said, "Don't fucking go, stay here" (Allegation D: Discourtesy, \$87(2)(g) PO Leal, Sergeant Daniel Cody, of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, and PO Saidmurodov entered § 87(2)(b) apartment (Allegations E-F: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g) (Allegation G: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g) Sgt. Cody searched \$57(2)(b) apartment and failed to provide him with a business card (Allegations H-I: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g) § 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b) Body-worn camera ("BWC") footage was obtained from the NYPD Legal Bureau (Board Review 01-09). Cellphone video, taken by \$87(2)(b) was provided via email by \$87(2)(b) (Board Review 10). There is no other video evidence in this case. **Findings and Recommendations** Allegation (A) Discourtesy: Police Officer Gabriel Leal spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b) Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Gabriel Leal threatened to damage (\$372)6) property. Allegation (C) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Azizjon Saidmurodov threatened to damage property. testified that as he was cleaning his apartment, his doorbell rang (Board Review 11). He opened his apartment door a few inches, and saw PO Leal and PO Saidmurodov, identified via the investigation. PO Leal repeatedly ordered \$87(2)(b) to step outside. \$87(2)(b) asked why and said he refused to do so. PO Leal ordered \$87(2)(b) to produce his ID. \$87(2)(b) said he would not do so until the officers told him why they were there. PO Leal asked \$87(2)(b) "Who's inside?" and "Who's here?" \$87(2)(b) said he was alone. PO Leal said, "Somebody is there." \$87(2)(b) said he was alone. PO Leal ordered \$87(2)(b) to step outside again, and \$87(2)(b) asked him why, said no one was home, that no one called police, and that he did not know what was going on. PO Leal said he was going to come inside. § 87(2)(b) said he could not do so without a warrant. § 87(2)(b) asked PO Leal to leave. PO Leal said someone called regarding domestic violence but did not provide any more details about the call or who made it. § 87(2)(b) denied being involved in any domestic violence incident). Said if someone called, PO Leal should instead go speak to that person. PO Leal asked \$87(2)(b) if he could come inside. \$87(2)(b) said no and told him to leave. After speaking to PO Leal for a total of two to three minutes, said, "Okay, bye, have a nice day," moved his head into his apartment, and began to push the door closed before he could move his right knee out of the doorframe. PO Leal immediately pushed the door forward, ordered to, "Open the fucking door," and said, "I'm going to bust through the fucking door." heard many officers ordering him to open the door. [887(2)(6)] attempted to close the door, but knee was in between the door and frame as he pushed it. PO Leal then attempted to push the door open in the opposite direction. After approximately 30 to 40 seconds, \$87(2)(6) stopped pushing the door closed.





enough for us to just take a look around?" At 09:43, PO Saidmurodov enters the apartment, as says, "Come on" and leads the officers towards the bedrooms. At 09:50, \$87(2)(b) opens two closets and a bathroom door, showing the officers that no one else is home. At 10:20, the officers return to the front of the apartment and Sgt. Cody says the officers want to get \$87(2)(b) story. At 10:45, Sgt. Cody asks if \$87(2)(b) stays elsewhere. \$87(2)(b) says she does. At 11:30, the officers go over their radios, asking where the \$87(2)(b) is. Sgt. Cody looks at the ICAD on his phone. Via radio transmission, the dispatcher says that the \$87(2)(b) is at \$87(2)(c) sqt. Cody says, "So right here basically.109 and 5th." At 13:12, Sgt. Cody says that when \$87(2)(b) called 911 last week, he told officers \$87(2)(b) was staying at her friend's apartment and asks \$87(2)(b) where that apartment is. He says he does not know. At 13:28, Sgt. Cody leaves a voicemail for \$87(2)(b) At 15:31, Sgt. Cody says they will check the \$87(2)(b) site to be cautious and the officers exit the apartment.

Sgt. Cody's statement was generally consistent with the BWC footage (Board Review 17). He testified that a week or two before this incident, he interacted with \$87(2)(b) when \$87(2)(b) when \$87(2)(b) identified via the investigation, assaulted him. From his previous interactions with \$87(2)(b) never learned that § 87(2)(b) lived elsewhere, but knew that there were domestic violence issues both ways between § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) On May 28, 2022, Sgt. Cody did not have any indication of where § 87(2)(b) was. He tried to call her at the phone number that she called 911 for approximately 10 minutes to no response and was concerned that she was inside the apartment since he could not reach her. Sgt. Cody did not have any specific indication that \$87(2)(b) or was not inside the apartment. He did not remember the circumstances surrounding his entry into the apartment or if he asked \$87(2)(b) for permission to enter. Sgt. Cody entered the apartment to ensure that no injured person was inside. He had indication that \$57(2)(6) was injured based on the 911 call, in which reported that she was slapped in the face and shoulder. Besides information from the 911 call, Sgt. Cody did not have any other reason to believe that anyone inside the apartment was in danger. Once inside the apartment, Sgt. Cody asked to look around the apartment to ensure that \$87(2)(b) was not cowering in a bedroom, that there was not a trail of blood in the kitchen, or something concerning. When he asked to look around, Sgt. Cody did not have any indication that § 87(2)(b) was in danger or that she was inside the apartment. Sgt. Cody never informed \$87(2)(b) that he could have refused consent. \$87(2)(b) could not have refused because there was an "exigent emergency circumstance," in that, according to the 911 call, \$87(2)(b) Sgt. Cody had to look around the apartment to ensure that she was not in if she was in distress in the apartment made it an exigent circumstance. Sgt. Cody did not prepare a consent to search form regarding this incident because it was not a "consent to search situation," as there was an emergency and exigent circumstance exception. See led Sgt. Cody into the bedroom in the apartment and that is the only place he visually looked around. Everything seemed fine, as there was no victim or anything out of the ordinary. When presented with his own BWC footage (Board Review 04), Sgt. Cody said that \$87(2)(6) was walking off, so the officers entered to continue their investigation and talk to him. Sgt. Cody did not ask for permission to enter the apartment but did not remember why he did not do so. \$87(2)(b) walking off presented a safety concern because Sgt. Cody wanted to keep his eyes on him, which he could not do when he walked further into the apartment. When presented with EVENT documents, (Board Review 13), where the EVENT reads, at 11:04, "FC is not at the APT right now—she is across the street at her friend's house," Sgt. Cody did not remember if he was aware of that at the time of the incident. He said that he did not go inside the apartment until 20 minutes after 11:04, and during that time, \$37(2)(6) could have gone back into the apartment. If he had known that she was elsewhere and safe, he would not have had to go inside the apartment. Even knowing the details of the EVENT, that was not in the apartment, Sgt. Cody still would have had to check the apartment and would not have changed anything he did because something could have happened to \$87(2)(b)

in 20 minutes.

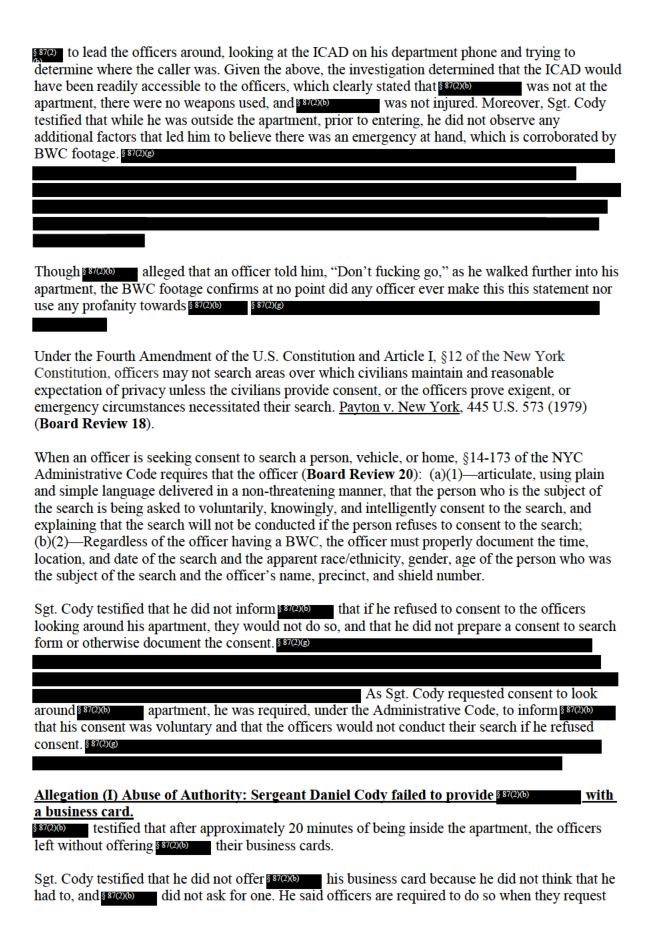
PO Leal's statement was generally consistent with the BWC footage and Sgt. Cody's statement (**Board Review**). He testified that he entered \$87(2)(6) apartment for a wellness check to ensure that no one in the apartment was hurt, dead, or injured. The fact that the job came over as a current domestic violence issue, and that \$87(2)(b) struck and pushed \$87(2)(b) identified via the investigation, made PO Leal believe that she might be in danger inside the apartment. PO Leal believed that before the officers went to the apartment PO Saidmurodov informed him that had a history of domestic violence. Specifically, he was aware that Sgt. Cody was present for an incident involving \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) who were fighting with each other, and one party was arrested. During his CCRB interview, when presented with EVENT documents (Board Review 13), PO Leal said he was never aware that \$87(2)(b) was not inside the apartment. He would have had access to the ICAD, but he was dealing with \$87(2)(b) and going off information transmitted via the radio. When presented with PO Saidmurodov's BWC footage (Board Review 02), PO Leal remembered that \$87(2)(b) began to walk away from the officers and out of his line of sight. He did not know what \$87(2)(b) was going for, so he stepped inside his apartment to ensure that \$87(2)(b) was not coming back with a knife or gun. The fact that \$87(2)(b) was not opening the door fully, that he refused to come outside, that one of his hands remained behind the door, and that he tried to slam the door shut all suggested to PO Leal that someone might have been in danger inside the apartment.

Sgt. Cody and PO Leal consistently denied saying, "Don't fucking go," to \$87(2)(6) or hearing any officer do so.

§ 87(2)(g)

Warrantless entries into private dwellings are presumptively unreasonable unless the occupants of the dwelling provide consent, or the officers prove exigent, or emergency, circumstances necessitated their entry. Payton v. New York, 445 U.S. 573 (1979) (Board Review 18). The emergency exception to the warrant requirement permits officers to enter a protected space when they have reasonable grounds to believe an emergency is at hand and there is an immediate need for their assistance to protect life or property. The entry must not be primarily motivated by the intent to arrest and seize evidence, and there must be a reasonable basis to associate the emergency with the area or place to be searched. People v. Rodriguez, 77 A.D.3d 280 (2016) (Board Review 19).

The BWC footage confirms that neither PO Leal nor Sgt. Cody requested consent from prior to their entry into his apartment. Sgt. Cody and PO Leal consistently testified that they entered apartment to ensure that no injured person was inside the apartment. Although both officers cited the 911 call as the source of their indication that someone might be injured inside the apartment, the radio communications reveal that officers were solely informed that there was a family dispute at a "sensitive" location. Furthermore, the EVENT documents confirm that there were no reported weapons or injuries. Though upon his review of BWC footage, PO Leal said that he initially entered the apartment to ensure that \$\frac{87(2)(6)}{2}\$ would not return with a weapon, the BWC footage captures \$\frac{87(2)(6)}{2}\$ clearly telling the officers that he is going to grab a shirt. Additionally, PO Leal did not articulate any reason why he believed \$\frac{87(2)(6)}{2}\$ would retrieve a weapon and PO Leal did not issue \$\frac{87(2)(6)}{2}\$ any verbal commands not to walk further into his apartment prior to his entry. Though PO Leal testified that he was never aware that \$\frac{87(2)(6)}{2}\$ was outside of the apartment and Sgt. Cody did not recall if she was, PO Leal acknowledged that the ICAD, with this information, would have been accessible to him on his department and asking \$\frac{87(2)(6)}{2}\$ were available to him on his department and asking \$\frac{87(2)(6)}{2}\$ was footage captures Sgt. Cody, after entering the apartment and asking \$\frac{87(2)(6)}{2}\$.



consent to search or if a civilian asks for one, but this situation was not a consent to search based on the exigent circumstances and emergency.

Officers are required to offer a business card upon the conclusion of law enforcement activities, including home searches, except in cases when a summons is issued, or an arrest is made. <a href="NYPD">NYPD</a> Administrative Guide, Procedure 304-11 (Board Review 21).

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